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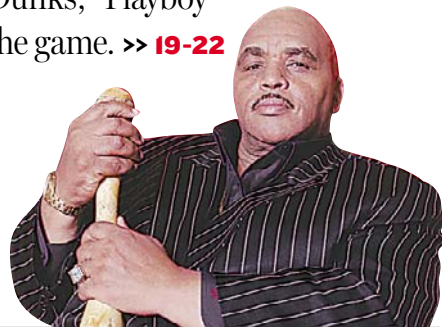
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JACKSON TRIAL | RECORD CROWD



FAN CLUB: Young admirers show their support for Michael Jackson outside the courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif., on Monday. As jury selection continued in Jackson's molestation trial, the defense released a star-studded witness list. ♦ **Stars align:** Leno, King, Bryant may testify | **Page 3**

Verizon Buying MCI for \$6.7B

NEW YORK | Verizon Communications is acquiring MCI for \$6.75 billion, a swift response to the acquisition of AT&T by SBC Communications Inc. and the third big telephone industry merger in two months.

The agreement announced Monday, scuttling a competing bid for MCI by Qwest Communications, will result in about 7,000 job cuts from the combined Verizon-MCI work force of about 250,000.

The purchase price was about a half billion dollars below what Qwest offered for Ashburn, Va.-based MCI, which recently changed its name from WorldCom after emerging from

bankruptcy and a huge financial fraud.

Verizon, the dominant local phone company in the Northeast and a top cellular player, likely won MCI's favor because it is larger and in better financial shape than Qwest.

While consumer advocates expressed worry, it's not clear the loss of AT&T and MCI as rivals will free their acquirers to boost prices for long-distance phone calls. That's because many consumers and businesses already are taking advantage of money-saving alternatives — especially cell phones and Internet-based phone services from cable TV companies and others. (AP)

Ex-PM Killed in Lebanon

Massive Beirut blast kills 10, raising fears of more violence

BEIRUT, LEBANON | A powerful bomb assassinated a former prime minister Monday, carving a 30-foot hole in a street and turning armored cars into burning wrecks — devastation that harked back to Lebanon's violent past and raised fears of new bloodshed in the bitter dispute over Syria, the country's chief power broker.

The blast wounded 100 people and killed 10, including the main target: Rafik Hariri, a billionaire businessman who helped rebuild Lebanon after its civil war, but had recently fallen out with Syria.

The United States called the attack "a terrible reminder" that Lebanon still must shake free of occupation by Syria — the neighbor that keeps 15,000 troops here and influences virtually all key political decisions.

Syria denied any role and condemned the assassination. But opposition leaders in Lebanon said they held both the Lebanese and Syrian governments responsible.

Hariri, 60, left office in October but had the wealth and the prominence to maintain some degree of independence from Syria, while never moving toward total defiance.

His recent shift toward the opposition had given a boost to calls for the withdrawal of Syrian troops — and his death silenced an influential and moderate voice that could prove hard to replace. **BASSEM MROUE (AP)**

♦ **Bad omen?** Across Mideast, worry that Hariri's assassination foreshadows more instability | **Page 6**



Hariri

QUIET | One Square Meal An elementary school in Athol, Idaho, has instituted a colorful plan to keep lunchroom chatter in check. A stoplight in the cafeteria monitors noise levels; when kids get too loud, the "Talk Light" turns red, signaling teachers to turn out the lights. The



students eat silently in the dark until the light returns to green. Kids who continue to talk are told to write "I will not talk during lights out" 50 times, a lunchroom supervisor said. The device is "stupid and it stinks," noted fourth-grader Ethan Stiles. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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ROBOCOP

Fear the Sphere

A robotic black ball, originally designed for use on Mars, could be used to catch burglars, the Telegraph reported. The extremely lightweight ball was originally made by scientists at the University of Uppsala in Sweden to survey the surface of Mars. The company marketing

the device said it could also be adapted to corner intruders. The device acts as a high-tech security guard capable of detecting an intruder with radar and infrared sensors. Once alerted, the 2-foot ball can sound an alarm or pursue the intruders while taking pictures at speeds of up to 20 mph — faster than a human being on foot — even over mud, snow and water. (EXPRESS)

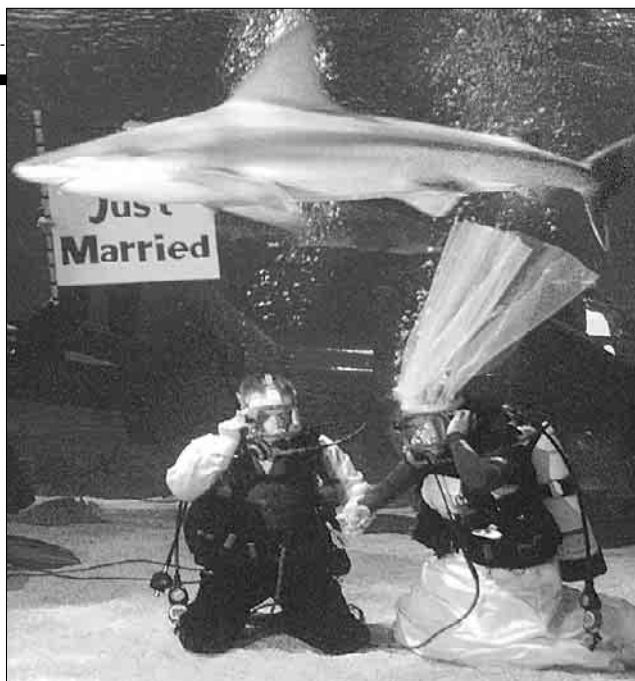
PINK SLIPS

It's Miller Time. Or Else.

Isac Aguero, 24, said he was fired from his job with a Miller Brewing Co. distributor the same day a picture of him drinking a Bud Light appeared in the local Racine, Wis., newspaper. The photo, taken Feb. 5, was part of the paper's "On the Town" feature, depicting the city's night life. Aguero, who had been a



forklift operator at CJW Inc. for four years, said when he arrived at work Monday, co-workers told him he was in trouble for the picture. Then, he said, he was called into the manager's office and fired without being given a reason. "They can't tell me what beverages I can drink. Bud Light's my beer of choice," said Aguero. A spokesperson for the company declined to comment. (AP)



MATRIMONY

Taking the Plunge

If any sharks know a reason that these two may not be lawfully joined, bite them in half now, or forever hold your peace. Barbara Anderson and Jason Skubitz were wed Monday in the Mall of America's shark tank in Bloomington, Minn. The couple got engaged while deep sea diving and won the underwater wedding in a radio station contest. (AP)

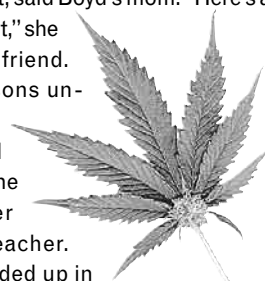
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DARE to Keep Kids Off Dirt

A Sikeston, Mo., first grader found herself in big trouble Feb. 8 after thoughtfully giving her friend a bag full of dirt. Michaela Boyd, 6, found an empty plastic bag on the playground during recess. She filled it with soil, rocks and clover, tied it with a purple ponytail holder and gave it to her friend as a present, said Boyd's mom. "Here's a bag of dirt," she told her friend.

For reasons unknown, the friend turned the bag over to her teacher.

Boyd ended up in the principal's office, where she was told her gift — which apparently also contained used cigarettes — "looked like a bag of weed." She was given two days of detention for making a "look-alike drug." (EXPRESS)



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PLOT TWISTS: Jack Kerouac's yellowed, 120-foot long scroll manuscript of "On the Road," marked with edits, is for the first time being displayed unrolled from end to end during a tour stop at the University of Iowa Museum of Art.



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In Brief

CHICAGO Flu Shots Don't Save Lives In Elderly, Study Suggests

A new study based on more than three decades of U.S. data suggests that giving flu shots to the elderly has not saved any lives. The study, led by the National Institutes of Health, should influence the U.S. flu prevention strategy, perhaps by expanding vaccination to schoolchildren, the biggest spreaders of the virus, epidemiologist Lone Simonsen, the study's lead author, said. (AP)



Officials had urged the elderly to get flu shots during the recent shortage.

KINGSTON, N.Y. Shooting Suspect Allegedly Obsessed With Columbine

A man who opened fire in a crowded shopping mall with an assault rifle, wounding two people, seemed to have a "lurid fascination" with the Columbine High School bloodbath, a prosecutor said Monday. Robert Bonelli Jr., 25, sent shoppers scrambling for safety Sunday after shooting his way into the Hudson Valley Mall, authorities said. He gave up after he ran out of ammunition and mall employees tackled him. (AP)

Bush Requests \$82B for War Costs

President calls on Congress to increase Iraq, Afghan funding

WASHINGTON | President Bush asked Congress on Monday to provide \$81.9 billion more for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and for other U.S. efforts overseas, pushing the total price tag for the conflicts and anti-terror fight past \$300 billion.

Republicans hope to push the package through Congress by early spring, reflecting both parties' desire to finance U.S. troops in the field and

give Iraqis more responsibility following their national elections. Bush asked lawmakers to pay for the new spending by borrowing the money — which will make huge federal deficits even larger.

"The majority of this request will ensure that our troops continue to get what they need to protect themselves and complete their mission," Bush said in a statement.

He also said the money would



Bush

help continue the pursuit of terrorists and help the United States "seize the opportunity to build peace and democracy in the Middle East."

The bulk of the package — \$74.9 billion — was for the Defense Department, ranging from the direct costs of fighting and replacing damaged equipment to training Iraqi and Afghan forces.

There was also aid for U.S. allies like Pakistan and Ukraine, money to build a new embassy in Baghdad, assistance for tsunami-damaged Indian Ocean countries and help for victims of war in Sudan. ALAN FRAM (AP)

OVERSEAS OPERATIONS Among other projects included in the package sent to Congress:

- \$2.242 billion to counter drugs, pay for security, support democracy and reconstruction in Afghanistan.
- \$950 million to help areas affected by the recent tsunami in the Indian Ocean.
- \$660 million for construction of a U.S. embassy in Baghdad.
- \$200 million in education and border security aid for the Palestinians. (AP)

Jackson Team Unveils Celebrity Witness List

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | Michael Jackson's lawyers announced Monday they may call celebrities such as Elizabeth Taylor, Diana Ross and Kobe Bryant to the witness stand during the pop star's molestation trial.

The list of possible witnesses sounded like coming attractions for a major Hollywood spectacle: "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno, producer Quincy Jones, actor Corey Feldman, singer Stevie Wonder, and CNN's Larry King are among the ensemble.

Names of defense and prosecution witnesses were revealed to prospective jurors so attorneys

could find out if any of the more than 240 members of the pool had associations that may be important in selecting a jury for the trial.



Jackson

be no-shows.

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. also named as possible witnesses Jackson's children Paris and Prince Michael, who have been raised in such seclusion that the public has never seen their faces.

LINDA DEUTSCH (AP)

PENNSYLVANIA | COMMUTER CROWD



SPEAKING OUT: Michelle Holland of Philadelphia looks down on a crowd of union members and public transit riders from all over the state assembled for a rally in Harrisburg, Pa., on Monday. The group spoke out in support of legislation for mass transit and transportation infrastructures.



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The sale price of a mahogany table at a New York auction Jan. 22, the second-highest ever for a piece of American furniture.

Bush Fills FDA Vacancy

Acting chief Lester Crawford nominated to head health agency

WASHINGTON | President Bush said Monday he will nominate Lester M. Crawford to be commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, filling a position that has been vacant for nearly a year amid rising concerns about the safety of drugs on the market.

Crawford has been acting commissioner since March 2004, when then-director Mark McClellan was named to oversee the agency that runs Medicaid and Medicare.



Crawford

One of Crawford's main tasks will be to protect the nation's food supply from terrorism, according to his boss, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. He said recently that the FDA will expand to take on that role.

In a statement, Leavitt called Crawford "an outstanding choice" for the post.

Crawford's nomination, which must be confirmed by the Senate, comes at a time when his agency is also under pressure to make drugs safer and more affordable. (AP)

NEW YORK | SEEING ORANGE



PETER MORGAN/REUTERS

SOGGY STROLL: A couple walks along a path draped with colored panels on Monday in New York City's Central Park, part of a newly opened public art project called "The Gates." The display spans 23 miles of paths in the park.

Missile Defense System Test Fails

WASHINGTON | A test of the U.S. missile defense system failed Monday when an interceptor missile did not launch from its island base in the Pacific Ocean, the military said. It was the second failure in months for the experimental program.

A statement from the Missile Defense Agency said the cause of the failure is under investigation.

A spokesman for the agency, Rick Lehner, said early indica-

tions pointed to a malfunction with the ground support equipment, not with the missile interceptor itself.

If verified, that would be a relief for program officials because it would mean no new problems had been discovered with the missile. Previous failures of these high-profile, \$85 million tests have been regarded as significant setbacks by critics of the program. (AP)



WHO KNEW? Improvements to voting machines and election administration saved a million votes that otherwise would likely have gone uncoun- ted in the 2004 elections, an analysis found. (AP)

**Today in
The Washington Post**

Hoffa Probe Hits Another Dead End

DETROIT | Blood found on the floor of a Detroit home is not that of Jimmy Hoffa, investigators said Monday, ruling out what had looked like one of the most promising recent leads in the disappearance of the Teamsters boss 30 years ago.

Authorities had ripped up floorboards last May at a house where Delaware Teamsters official Frank Sheeran said he shot Hoffa to death.

Police in the Detroit suburb of

Bloomfield Township received a report from the FBI crime lab Monday concluding that human blood was on the floorboards, but that the blood was not Hoffa's.

Police Chief Jeffrey Werner said investigators were skeptical of the lead, but were obligated to pursue it after Fox News Channel claimed that its own investigation had turned up blood on the floor.

Hoffa was last seen on July 30, 1975, at a restaurant in Bloomfield Township. Sheeran died in 2003, and his claim was detailed in a book published months later. (AP)

Somber Probe: Questions surround why a housekeeper at a Va. Hilton, a matriarch in the local Honduran community, took a fatal fall down an elevator shaft. | *Metro*

Fire Fight: Enforcement of last year's vote by Congress to prohibit airline passengers from bringing lighters and matches on planes is proving a complex task. | *A Section*

Honoring Abe: It's crunch time at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, Ill., where theme park technology is supposed to be meeting serious history. | *Style*

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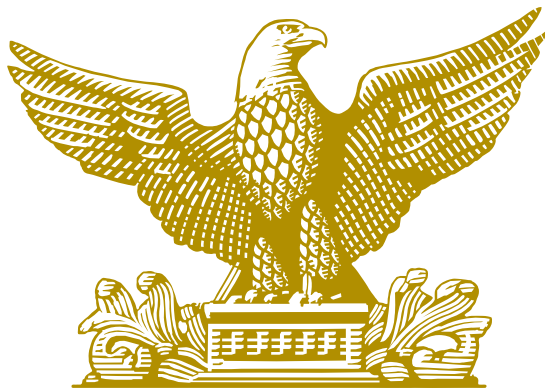
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World



OVERDRIVE: Swaziland's King Mswati III has spent \$820,000 on 10 new BMW Series 5 cars for his 10 wives, the BBC reported, citing local media. Meanwhile, 70 percent of the country lives on an average daily income of \$1 or less.

Iraqi PM Choices Emerge

Westernized, urbane candidates seen as likely contenders

BAGHDAD | After securing the largest bloc in Iraq's new parliament, leaders of the clergy-backed Shiite alliance began talks on their choice for a new prime minister.

In Sunday's results, the United Iraqi Alliance scooped 48 percent of the vote for the National Assembly. It failed to secure the two-thirds majority, which would have allowed it to control the legislature and install

whomever it wanted as president.

The parties that make up the United Iraqi Alliance huddled for talks Monday to decide on a prime ministerial candidate. Interim Vice President Ibrahim al-Jaafari was the Dawa Party's choice; the Supreme Council



al-Hakim



Chalabi

for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, or SCIRI, nominated Adel Abdul-Mahdi, the interim finance minister, said Humam Hamoudi, spokesman for the United Iraqi Alliance.

French-educated Abdul-Mahdi is the son of a respected Shiite cleric. Al-Jaafari, a physician, lived in London before serving on the now-disbanded Iraqi Governing Council.

Ahmad Chalabi, the former Pentagon darling and a member of the alliance, has also thrown his name into the contest. But Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the turbaned cleric who led the ticket and who has close links to Iran, has said he's not interested in the job. (AP)

The fight: Insurgent's story shows revolt's resilience & what may be its growing weakness | **Today's Post:** Section A



FRANTIC: A man shouts for help for a victim wounded in the car bomb that killed former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Blast Kindles Memory of Bloody Past

Beirut's revival threatened as bomb kills ex-PM

BEIRUT | The killing of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri has revived fears that this country — flourishing after 15 years of civil war — might plunge anew into a period of political violence.

The bomb that hit Hariri's motorcade, killing him and nine others came, ironically, in the very downtown district he helped to rebuild.

The blast Monday and the setback it represents do not come at a time of sectarian and religious strife in Lebanon, however, as dur-

ing the civil war from 1975 to 1990. Instead, the political debate over Syria's influence that turned ugly on Monday cuts across religious lines. Hariri, a Sunni Muslim, had many allies in the Christian camp.

Hariri was an important symbol of Lebanon's rebirth after its civil war. A self-made construction tycoon who made his fortune in Saudi Arabia, Hariri became

prime minister in 1992 under a peace deal that ended the civil war. In all, he had served as prime minister for 10 of the 14 years in the postwar period.

Under Hariri, European investment in Lebanon rebounded, and tourists, particularly from the Arab world, returned to the country. Now, however, it seems more uncertain whether Beirut can resume its old aura as the Paris of the Middle East.

BASSEM MROUE (AP)



Boiling over: Demonstrators blamed Syria for the most serious political assassination here since the sectarian fighting ended 16 years ago | **Today's Post:** Section A

59 Die in Fire at Iran Mosque After Woman's Veil Ignites

TEHRAN, IRAN | A fire raged through a crowded mosque in Tehran during evening prayers Monday after a female worshipper's veil caught the flames of a kerosene heater, killing at least 59 people, Iran's official news agency reported.

The Arg Mosque was filled with about 400 worshippers, more crowded than usual because this is the Islamic month of Muharram, a holy period for Shiite Muslims.

Panicked people raced for the doors and smashed windows to escape the blaze. Women, who pray on the second floor of the mosque, separated from the men, had to race down stairs and through a narrow doorway to exit. Many stumbled and were trampled.

Hospital records checked by The Associated Press showed that 40 of those killed and the majority of the 250 injured were women. (AP)

In Brief

SRI LANKA

Test Confirms Parents' Claim To Baby Found After Tsunami

A Sri Lankan court, relying on DNA tests, ruled Monday that a 4-month-old baby recovered from tsunami debris belongs to the couple who launched an agonizing court battle to claim him. Eight other couples also tried to claim the boy in the days after the devastating Dec. 26 tsunami. The Jeyarajahs said their boy was swept from his mother's arms by the massive waves. (AP)

EGYPT

U.N. Agency: Cairo Wasn't Seeking Nuclear Arms

Egypt's nuclear experiments were small, basic and do not appear part of an attempt to make weapons, the U.N. atomic monitoring agency said Monday, praising Cairo's cooperation with an investigation of the country's now mothballed clandestine activities. The report, compiled by the International Atomic Energy Agency, made clear that investigations will continue, however. (AP)

NEPAL

U.S. Yanks Envoy in Protest

Nepal came under more international pressure Monday over its king's dismissal of the government and suspension of civil liberties earlier this month. The United States recalled its ambassador, as have Britain and France. King Gyanendra has justified his power grab as necessary to restore order and combat a deadly communist insurgency. (AP)

THAILAND | GRIPPING TALE



V-DAY: Couples embrace at a Valentine's Day "hug marathon" in Bangkok, one of several events staged to lure back tourists after the Dec. 26 tsunami.



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R. Donald Tomasik

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That was in February 2003 and after a successful surgery, I'm happy to say I'm in good health in 2004 and indebted to Healthfair USA for saving my life! Unfortunately our friend Connie in Vermont didn't have an opportunity to have these inexpensive tests and died of a ruptured aneurysm. We miss her and hope to see Healthfair mobile units all over the country someday. It really is necessary to have these tests since Medicare won't pay for preventative screenings and I couldn't afford to pay the hospital price! Thanks from both Marge and I for your 7 test package, it was truly an investment in my health!



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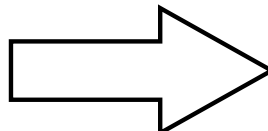
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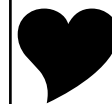
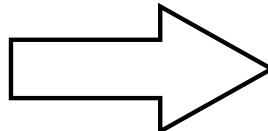
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ULTRASOUND TEST



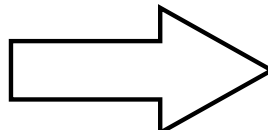
Echocardiogram is a video ultrasound of the heart. It may detect enlargement of the heart, valve abnormalities, blood clots and tumors.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAM
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EKG may detect ischemia, silent heart attack and atrial fibrillation. EKG provides a picture of the electrical activity of the heart.

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ARTERIES (ASI) TEST



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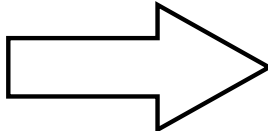
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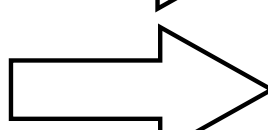
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STROKE/CAROTID ARTERY
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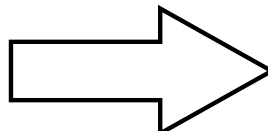
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New Cell Phones To Play Music Files

Wireless companies to woo the iPod market with handset players

CANNES, FRANCE | With a covetous eye on the success of portable music players, mobile phone makers are going after would-be iPod buyers by building high-quality players into their handsets.

Sony Ericsson announced Monday it will soon market music-player mobiles under its parent's Walkman brand, drawing on the music catalogue of its sister company Sony BMG, the world's No. 2 record company.

And Nokia Corp., the world's leading phone maker, announced

an alliance with software giant Microsoft Corp. that will allow mobile subscribers to load music from a PC onto their phones.

Unlike owners of dedicated MP3 players, Nokia users will also be able to download tracks wirelessly onto their handsets and transfer them to computer or burn them onto a CD.

Nokia, Microsoft, Sony Ericsson and others believe a strong musical offering has the potential to win over new customers for mobile networks and the handset brands they offer.

Their appetites have been whetted by the success of Apple Computer Inc.'s iconic music player, analysts say, which sold more than 4.5 million units in the quarter ended Dec. 25. LAURENCE FROST (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IRSA	15.16	+1.21	+8.7
Elscint	6.40	+5.0	+8.5
TylerTech	7.14	+5.6	+8.5
MidwGm	10.28	+7.7	+8.1
Bluegreen	23.89	+1.64	+7.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IntegES	3.63	-.26	-6.7
ArmorH	38.21	-2.43	-6.0
OfficeMax	30.02	-1.73	-5.4
FedSignl	15.40	-.86	-5.3
HollyCp s	33.64	-1.85	-5.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Kendle	10.20	+2.69	+35.8
SportsRst	3.77	+.83	+28.3
Sonesta	39.39	+7.50	+23.5
Ariba rs	9.63	+1.36	+16.4
MeadowVly	5.10	+.71	+16.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ePlusInc	13.21	-2.38	-15.3
Cyberonic	39.94	-4.57	-10.3
DuraAto	7.14	-.82	-10.3
Anadigc	2.30	-.26	-10.2
ArkRst	37.86	-4.01	-9.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.50	5.25
Fed Funds close	2.5625	2.50
3-month	2.49	2.44
2-year	3.35	3.30
10-year	4.07	4.05
30-year	4.45	4.42

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5295	.5352	.5306
Canadian Dollar	1.2345	1.2368	1.3170
European Euro	.7714	.7769	.7848
Japanese Yen	105.15	105.76	105.43
Mexican Peso	11.1460	11.1460	10.9380
Taiwanese Dollar	31.53	31.76	33.13

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-4.88	+6.25	+0.84
-0.05	+0.30	+0.07
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Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amgen	63.25	-.17	-1.4
ApplBio	20.18	-.33	-3.5
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Celgene s	28.08	-.06	+5.9
ChRvLab	46.94	-.76	+2.0
Chiron	35.35	-.28	+6.1
Genentch s	46.89	+.06	-13.9
Genzyme	58.78	...	+1.2
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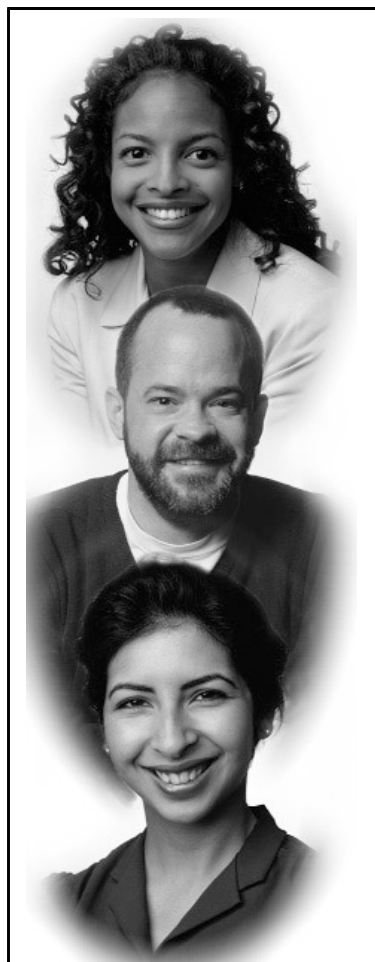
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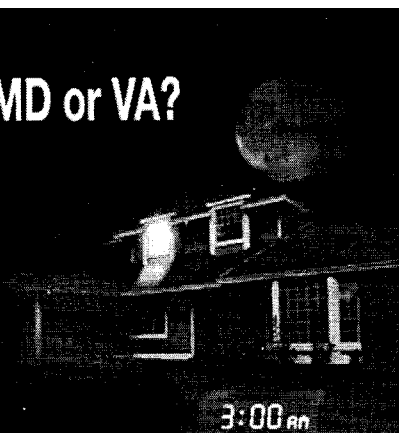
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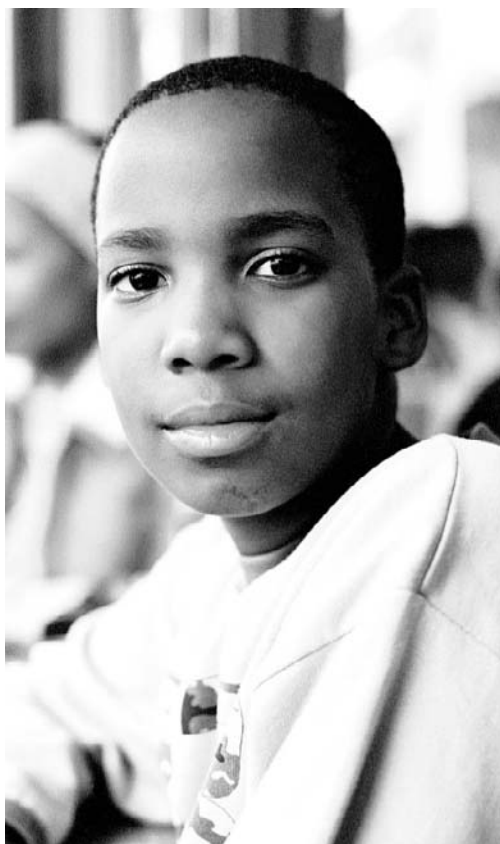
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Local

Club U's Liquor License on Hold

Board suspends right to serve alcohol after weekend's stabbing

WASHINGTON | The troubled nightclub where a man was stabbed to death over the weekend and a woman shot at had its liquor license suspended Monday.

The decision was made at an emergency meeting of the D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, whose chairman, Charles A. Burger, said allowing further operations "constitutes and presents an imminent danger to the public." Officials said a hearing had to be held before they could decide

whether to revoke the license.

Club U is located in the Reeves Center, a government building in Northwest. According to police, more than a dozen serious crimes have been reported at or within a block of the club in the last 20 months.

Terrence Brown, 31, was killed early Sunday. Police believe Brown had been fighting with his attacker inside Club U, and the dispute spilled into the lobby, where Brown was stabbed repeatedly. Minutes earlier, a woman was knocked unconscious in the lobby. A report from the alcohol board states the woman was shot at while she was being taken away in an ambulance. **CANDACE SMITH (AP)**

WASHINGTON | CRASH COURSE



CLEANUP: Firefighters clear debris off a police officer's cruiser after it crashed into a building near Union Station on Monday. The officer, who authorities say may have fainted, was taken to Washington Hospital Center.

In Brief

BALTIMORE

Judge Allows Ehrlich to Block Newspaper Reporters

A federal judge on Monday dismissed a lawsuit challenging Gov. Robert Ehrlich's order barring state employees from contact with two writers from The Baltimore Sun, ruling the paper had not demonstrated that it had suffered irreparable harm. U.S. District Judge William

Quarles ruled that the newspaper was seeking more access to government officials than that accorded a private citizen. **(AP)**

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Mental Test Ordered for Accused Senior Slasher

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Loco Motion

New weight machine has users moving in unconventional ways

AT THE GYM | Most new weight equipment barely raises eyebrows when it appears in a gym; one machine looks much like another. Not so with Kinesis, a resistance weight-training system making its U.S. debut at the Equinox gym in Santa Monica, Calif. With their weight stacks, cables, sliding hand grips and sleek, undulating wood and metal design, the machines seem both familiar and peculiar.

"It was kind of strange-looking, but it did look interesting," said gym member Laurie DeYoung, 23. "It looks like a cable machine, but it doesn't feel like other cable machines."

The four machines in the system, which uses a pulley method

with cables, allow users full range of motion and more unconventional movements — such as lying face-down on a stability ball and simulating freestyle swimming motions, or hopping on a platform while holding the cables and doing a chest press.

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MARVIN'S ROOM: The Cincinnati Bengals on Monday extended the contract of coach Marvin Lewis by one year to 2008 after the former Redskins defensive coordinator guided the team to two 8-8 seasons. The Bengals have not had a winning season since 1990.

Sports

FanFare

WOMEN'S HOOPS | BY RAINA JOHNSON

A Shell of a Record Crowd

THE MARYLAND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL team fell to Duke 60-49 Sunday before a women's ACC record crowd of 17,243 fans.

But from the rafters to the floor, the fans were either six years old or 60 years old. Missing were the screaming Terps that filled Comcast Center for the men's game against Duke the night before.

Where were the painted faces? Where were the bare chests? Where were the screaming groups clad in their flashy costumes and flamboyant red wigs? Last time I checked, having clean clothes wasn't exactly a problem for most college kids. Why didn't the fans recycle Saturday's attire and come out to support the women's team?

"You cannot surmise the support of an entire program based on one game of stellar attendance."

Keep in mind that the Terrapins are not only consistently ranked among the country's top 25 women's programs, but Maryland is also one of the nation's best in scoring and field goal percentage.

Even if the women's team had beaten the Blue Devils, the win would've stood in the shadows of College Park's venerated basketball God: The men's team.

And despite the large crowd, the record-breaking attendance was due in large part to countless advertising ploys and a 47-inch plasma television raffle. What does it say about the state of women's basketball when you have to gimmick people into supporting your team?

You cannot surmise the support of an entire program based on one game of stellar attendance. It's sad when the story behind great athletes is not their performance, but the lack thereof from their fans.

Raina Johnson is a senior at the University of Maryland, where she studies journalism.

NHL Makes Plans to Cancel Season

Bettman announcement planned for Wednesday

HOCKEY | With its do-or-die deadline come and gone and no deal in sight, the NHL circled Wednesday as the day it would call off what little was left of a decimated season, The Associated Press learned Monday.

Despite a last-gasp meeting Monday between the league and

the players' union, Commissioner Gary Bettman still planned to cancel the remaining games, a source close to the negotiations said on condition of anonymity.

The NHL announced that Bettman would speak at a news conference Wednesday in New York, but declined to give details.

It would become the first major professional league in North America to lose an entire season because of a labor dispute. The Stanley Cup has been awarded every year since 1919, when a flu epidemic canceled the finals.

But more than two-thirds of the season and the All-Star game already have been lost to a lockout that started Sept. 16. The major stumbling block

to an agreement has been the league's insistence on a salary cap.

Despite setting a weekend deadline, the league initiated more talks Monday, the source said. Only NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly and union senior director Ted Saskin were present, two other sources close to the negotiations told the AP on condition of anonymity.

IRA PODELL (AP)

SPRING TRAINING | THE NATIONALS' LINEUP



CLOSET SPACE: Washington Nationals jerseys hang in the team's locker room in Viera, Fla., on Monday, the day before pitchers and starters report to Spring Training. ♦ **Meet the Nats:** A preview of D.C.'s new team | Today's Post, pullout section

Schedules Test RFK Ground Crew

WASHINGTON | How quickly can RFK Stadium be converted from a baseball field to a soccer pitch and back? D.C. United and the Washington Nationals are betting on 48 hours both ways.

United on Monday announced its schedule for 2005, the first year in which it will have to share its field with the former Montreal Expos. Officials had hoped to have 72 hours for the conversion from baseball to soccer to allow time for the temporary grass placed in the infield to become as stable as possible, but that wasn't possible in all cases.

The biggest squeeze comes on April 23, when United hosts New England. The Nationals have home games on April 21 against Atlanta and April 25 against Philadelphia, although the 1:05 p.m. start for the April 21 game will add precious hours for the changeover. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (8:30 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Washington Wizards visit the Houston Rockets in their final game before the All-Star break.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Big 10 rivals Ohio State and Indiana square off in what has been a disappointing season for both teams.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Connecticut looks to bounce back from its loss to North Carolina against Providence.

SOCCER (2:55 P.M. ON ESPN2) Shevchenko XI plays Ronaldinho XI in Barcelona in an exhibition match to raise funds for the tsunami victims.

In Brief

FOOTBALL

Browns Release Garcia

Quarterback Jeff Garcia was released Monday by the Cleveland Browns, who cut ties with the three-time Pro Bowler after one bad season. In 10 starts for Cleveland, Garcia — who signed a four-year, \$25 million free agent contract last March — completed 144 of 253 passes for 1,731 yards with 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions. (AP)

BOOKS

Canseco Tell-All Is a Hit

Jose Canseco's autobiography accusing several top players of steroid use and charging that baseball long ignored performance-enhancing drugs appeared to be a hit on its first day in bookstores. Amazon.com listed "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" as third on its best-seller list Monday. (AP)

WIZARDS

Rookie Ramos Activated

The Washington Wizards activated

rookie center Peter John Ramos on Monday and placed forward Samaki Walker on the injured list with a lower back strain. Ramos, a second round draft pick, was placed on the injured list Dec. 1 with right shoulder tendinitis. He has played in three games this season. (AP)

BASEBALL

Santana Agrees to Big Deal

Last year's American League Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana and the Minnesota Twins agreed Monday to a \$40 million, four-year contract. (AP)

Sports

26

The number of Professional Bowlers Association tour events won by Dick Weber. A three-time bowler of the year and one of the sport's first stars in the U.S., Weber died in his sleep Sunday night at age 75.

Fowler to Be First Black NFL Owner

FOOTBALL | Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler has agreed to buy the Minnesota Vikings in a deal that would make him the first black owner of an NFL team.

Fowler would not say how much he would pay for the team under the deal announced Monday. Published reports and a rival bidder, Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, put the price at about \$625 million.

Owner Red McCombs had the team on the block since 2002. He bought the Vikings in 1998 for \$246



Vikings owner Red McCombs applauds Reggie Fowler, who is buying the team.

million, and the team has sold out every home game during his run.

Fowler brushed aside questions about pressing for a new stadium and rejected any thought of moving the team. (AP)

Terps Rewarded for Beating Devils

Maryland grabs No. 22 ranking in latest poll

COLLEGE HOOPS | Maryland returned to the Associated Press' Top 25 on Monday, two days after the Terrapins completed a season sweep of archrival Duke.

Ranked as high as No. 12 this season, Maryland (15-7) checked in at No. 22 as a reward for being the first team in the ACC to sweep the Blue Devils in 10 years.

For the third straight week, Illinois was the unanimous No. 1 team. The Illini (25-0) are the only

undefeated team left in Division I.

Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina and Wake Forest rounded out the Top 25.

Duke, which defeated then No. 2 North Carolina last week before losing to Maryland, is No. 7 — the same spot it held last week.

Georgetown, which defeated West Virginia on Saturday, edged closer to the rankings, earning the 27th highest amount of votes.

(EXPRESS)

THE TOP 10

For the third week, Illinois received all 72 votes for first place in the AP poll:

- 1 Illinois (25-0)
- 2 Kansas (20-1)
- 3 Kentucky (19-2)
- 4 North Carolina (20-3)
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Depression? Bipolar Disorder?

THE GAME THAT WON'T DIE: Whoa. There may not be any more "Matrix" movies, but that's not stopping Atari from releasing yet more video



games based on the futuristic fantasy. "The Matrix: Path of Neo" will be written and directed by the Wachowski brothers, who made the films.

Entertainment

Long Live The King

Legendary singer Solomon Burke has come for his throne

COMEBACKS | Anyone coming into the presence of King Solomon ought to be armed with this bit of wisdom: Prepare to take your shoes off and set a spell.

Sitting on a gilt, bejeweled, red velvet-accented throne in the living room of his two-story home in L.A.'s San Fernando Valley, Solomon Burke, the man dubbed "the king of rock 'n' soul" in the 1960s, exudes an aura that's part beneficent monarch, part folksy Jed Clampett, complete with a welcoming hug.

Burke, 64, is hoping to throw his bear-like frame around music fans once again with his forthcoming album, "Make Do With What You Got," the follow-up to his 2002 career-revitalizing collection, "Don't Give Up on Me."

That album found the singer in superb voice more than four decades

after first hitting the charts with "Just Out of Reach (Of My Two Open Arms)" and "Cry to Me." More important, he had songs equal to that voice by such stellar writers (and fans) as Bob Dylan, Elvis Costello, Van Morrison, Tom Waits, Brian Wilson and Nick Lowe.

The album was the result of an unlikely deal with Anti-/Fat Possum, an offshoot of the punk label Epitaph — a fitting association given Burke's other careers as ordained minister and mortician.

Andy Kaulkin, president of Anti, said he hoped the one-album deal would catapult Burke to a label with more resources. Soon enough, Burke got a call from retro-oriented label Shout! Factory, and "Make Do With What You Got" was born.

Musicians eager to hear Burke's elegantly soft, urgently gritty voice sing their words offered more songs, resulting in numbers from the Rolling Stones, Robbie Robertson, Coco Montoya and Dr. John.

Amid the material on the new



HARD REIGN: Burke's new album has the soul and the sound that made him famous.

album is "After All These Years," which Burke started four years ago with his friend Eddie Towns:

"You mean the world to me/ After all these years, my baby/ All the things that we've been through/

The good times, the bad times, the sad times/ You're still the dream come true for me."

It's hard not to think he's singing about his lifelong companion: his music. RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Sweet Home Appalachia

The Duhks put some muscle into their plaintive bluegrass

MUSIC | If you've listened to a recent compilation of modern takes on Stephen Foster songs, you've heard the Duhks. They reclaimed "Camptown Races" from children's song-purgatory and turned it into an edgy folk experiment. Now they're out with their first full album, and it offers a Whitman's Sampler of beat-rich music that suggests you'll be hearing from them again.



DUHK IT OUT: The five Duhks' punky vibe invigorates the mountain music they play.

"The Duhks" (Sugar Hill) is a masterwork of blended genres — pure Appalachian folk, punky bluegrass and soulful, Irish-flavored fid-

dling with a clear alternative bent. In the wrong hands, it might fail, but they put it all together seamlessly, and sometimes what would

be a cacophony of instrumentation sounds like it was meant to be.

The best track by far is the first, "Death Came A-Knocking," which echoes with the flavor of old-time bluesmen like Charley Patton — if he had been backed by in-your-face fiddle. The more traditional-sounding "The Dregs of Birch" showcases Tania Elizabeth's formidable fiddle skills. The CD ends with a weird rendition of "Love Is the Seventh Wave" that finally ends with a strange sense of comfort.

In a collage culture, where the ability to blend genres (and transcend them) is crucial, the Duhks show all signs of being a band with some staying power and true, untethered originality. TED ANTHONY (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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Three mild-mannered accountants keep Oscar's biggest secret

SSHH | The keepers of Hollywood's 24 biggest secrets wouldn't dream of name-dropping in a town that thrives on gossip.

What fun is that?

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"We'll still take the ballot. There's no need to have a scene in our lobby," Garrison said, "but when we count them, we're going to push it aside."

On the day of the show, accompanied by tuxedo-clad Los Angeles police officers, the men take separate routes to the Kodak Theatre carrying briefcases containing two sets of envelopes with the winners' names.

So what happens to the unused envelopes? Some are given to winners as souvenirs; others are destroyed or wind up in Garrison's briefcase until he opens it the next year.

"I've actually got a bunch of them at my house," he confessed.

BETH HARRIS (AP)

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Well, it's about to get longer, the family-friendly evening soap has been picked up for a 10th season — that's one more than "Friends" got.

Entertainment

Vice City It Ain't

In 'Playboy,' the girls may be easy but the graphics are lousy

VIDEO GAMES | The name of the game might be "Playboy: The Mansion" (from Arush Entertainment/Cyberlore Studios for Playstation

2), but as long as Maxim magazine is outselling Playboy, there may not be enough teen-age boys willing to slip into Hugh Hefner's smoking jacket to ensure the game's success.

Its content certainly won't — the game is plagued with dated graphics, poor animation and glitches that have characters randomly levitating

and walking through furniture.

"Playboy" is essentially a poor copy of the Sims but with nothing covering up its partial nudity (the Mature-rated game features virtual toplessness and pictures from past Playboy mags, plus couplings that take place with underwear on).

Just as in the far superior Sims, you spend much of your time furnishing your abode and interacting with people. Here, you have parties to host and a series of increasing-



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ly challenging dating goals, none of which are all that tough, as the look-alike women all jump at the chance to hook up with Hef.

The fun part is the simulation of the publishing business. You start from the ground up, hiring amateurs; if things go well, you can turn your magazine into a media empire. But odds are most of the guys buying this game aren't angling to replay that part of Hef's career. **JOHN GAUDIOSI (AP)**

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Cineplex Odeon SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph 703-671-0976

★ BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (12:30 2:50 5:20) 7:40 10:00

BAD EDUCATION (NC-17) (12:50 3:30) 6:30 9:10

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S THE MERCHANT OF VENICE (R) (1:30 4:20) 7:10 9:50

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SIDEWAYS (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:40 1:20 3:20 4:10) 6:20 7:00 9:00 9:40

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★ POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) (1:30 3:10 5:00) 6:40 9:00

★ HITCH (PG-13) (12:00 1:40 2:40 4:30 5:20) 7:00 8:00 9:35 10:30

★ ONG-BAK: THE THAI WARRIOR (R) (2:00 4:20) 7:20 10:00

BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) (12:10 3:20 5:30) 8:10 10:20

THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) (1:20 3:30) 6:20 9:10

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:40) 6:30 9:40

HIDE AND SEEK (R) (12:20 2:30 5:10) 7:50 10:10

ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (2:10 4:40) 7:10 9:20

COACH CARTER (PG-13) (1:00 4:00) 6:50 9:50

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BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) (12:40 2:50 5:00) 7:20 9:20

THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) (1:00 3:10 5:20) 7:30 10:00

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1:10 4:00) 6:50 9:40

IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) (4:30) 7:10 9:50

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13) (1:30)

THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:20 4:40) 8:00

SIDEWAYS (R) (12:55 3:45) 6:40 9:30

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HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:30 1:30 3:20) 6:10 7:10 9:00

BAD EDUCATION (NC-17) (2:00 4:40) 7:30 10:10

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HITCH (PG-13) DIG ★ (120 200 240 410 445 530) 700 740 820 950 1030
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THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (220 440) 710 925
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) DIG (110 400) 650 935
BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) DIG (100 225 315 450 535) 720 750 940 1025
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HITCH (PG-13) ★ (1255 130 355 430) 655 730 950 1020
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POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) (155 440) 645 910
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) (145 445) 740 955
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MERCHANT OF VENICE (R) - ID REQ'D (110 410) 710 1015
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HITCH (PG-13) DIG ★ (115 200 400 445) 700 730 950 1020
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) DIG (Stadium) (120 320 520) 710 905
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1220 240 500) 720 940
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1205 235 505) 740 1005
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ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1230 250 515) 735 1000
BEING JULIA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (145 415) 650 915
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (100 350) 640 910
COACH CARTER (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1245 345) 645 945
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HITCH (PG-13) DIG ★ (1235 105 135 335 405 435) 635 705 735 935 1005 1035
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) DIG (1225 230 440) 700 915
BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) DIG (1205 130 235 400 505) 650 740 920 1010
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (1210 245 415 515) 710 805 940 1030
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 420) 715 950
COACH CARTER (PG-13) DIG (1240 355) 720 1035
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (1220 250 525) 750 1020
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (1215 345) 655 1015
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) DIG (110 425) 730 1025
RACING STRIPES (PG) DIG (1200 240 520)
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 800 1040
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ONG BAK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1130 205 435) 715 945
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) DIG (Stadium) (1140 200 430) 655 900
BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1150 1240 220 310 440 530) 710 800 930 1020
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1230 250 515) 730 950
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1205 230 500) 740 1015
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1200 110 320 410) 640 720 940 1025
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1215 1220 240 510) 645 750 1010
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (400) 635 915
COACH CARTER (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1235 350) 650 1005
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HITCH (PG-13) ★ (100) 740
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BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) (120 350) 705 940
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) (105 325) 715 955
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 320) 720 1010
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 335) 710 1000
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1255 420) 730 1050
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (110 350) 645 950
COACH CARTER (PG-13) (405) 1040
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Shopping

For stylish furniture designed to play on, prepare to pay up

In simpler times, everyone had a card table. It had myriad uses: a bridge table for weeknights with the parent's friends, the kids' table at festive gatherings and the crafts table at scout meetings. It came in handy for jigsaw puzzles, too.

People make millions playing poker now, and millions watch them on TV. We envy the sunglasses, those piles of chips — and that cool poker table.

You want one, and furniture makers are listening. What they're hearing, though, is that style is as important as function. Game tables — including ones for chess, checkers and/or backgammon — also must be stylish, able to blend with upscale furnishings or convert from game table to regular table.

And, as befits an era of entertainment centers with \$10,000 plasma



BOARD TO TEARS: Try not to sob at the \$4,185 price tag on Maitland-Smith's cocktail-game table, left, or a \$2,325 three-decker.

Game On

TVs and surround sound, many of the offerings are priced to match. Fedde Furniture in Pasadena, Calif., for example, carries large game tables by Maitland-Smith in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 price range, with matching chairs at about \$500 each.

As manager Melinda Kinney explained, Maitland-Smith, based in High Point, N.C., makes collector-quality pieces. Customers who have spent thousands on a room for

entertaining want furniture of equal quality, she said.

For people seeking quality and function, but who also must weigh price, Kinney said, Fedde carries a Gardena, Calif., company's tables at about \$1,000 each, with matching chairs in the \$500 range.

Maitland-Smith and I.M. David have plenty of competition, though. As the Wall Street Journal reported, 65 companies planned to show

game tables at a trade show in 2004 in North Carolina, compared with just seven in 2000.

Looking for a high-quality reproduction of an 18th-century English game table? San Francisco's Burton-Ching Ltd. specializes in heirloom-quality furniture built exactly like the originals. A George II walnut folding game table, 36 inches by 36 inches, retails for \$6,600, and a similar-

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Of course, if you have Champagne tastes on a beer budget, there are alternatives. Costco, for example, carries a game table that includes craps, blackjack, roulette and chess, but converts into a desk or end table for \$279.99. It also offers a rosewood pedestal poker table for eight players, at \$479.99. And Bombay Co. recently had two offerings — the Monaco card table and the Newcastle game table — marked down to \$99.

PAUL WHITEFIELD (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Rob Pegoraro

Fast Forward

Posttechnology columnist **ROB PEGORARO** was online Monday to discuss the Napster To Go portable music service | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

I have been using Napster To Go and for me it seems to work. I have access to the entire library to sample and pay 99 cents per track for the songs I want to keep for CD. I don't see the subscription as a problem.

I can actually see Napster To Go working as an adjunct to one's regular music buying — but then \$15 a month seems too much, as some months I don't spend that much on music, period.

Will there ever be a service where you pay a monthly fee but you get to have some rights to the music?

Check out emusic.com, which charges a subscription fee for a set amount of non-copy-restricted MP3 downloads from indie record labels. The major labels, however, have never shown any interest in this business model, even though one of them, Vivendi Universal, owns emusic.com.

Suppose I sign up for Napster To Go, download songs and my hard drive crashes. Let's say I don't know that I should back up my music and other files. Will Napster have a record of

what I downloaded so I don't have to recreate my song collection?

Yes, that service will. It's unique in that respect; even regular, non-rental downloads can be restored once you log in again and use the "sync/restore command." The major downside of that is that you can't move songs between computers at all — you can only download them from scratch.

I got burned recently when I downloaded an album from MSN Music then found I couldn't play the album on my mobile player. I had bought a \$10 chunk of wasted memory.

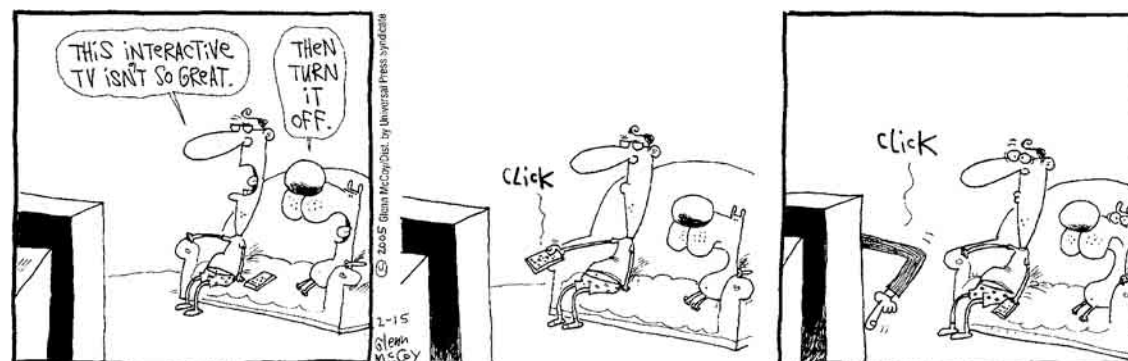
That is a risk — not all Windows Media-compatible players can accept the downloads offered at MSN, and knowing which is which isn't obvious.

Anyway, your money isn't "wasted" — just burn that album to CD, then re-rip to MP3s that you can play on any device available.

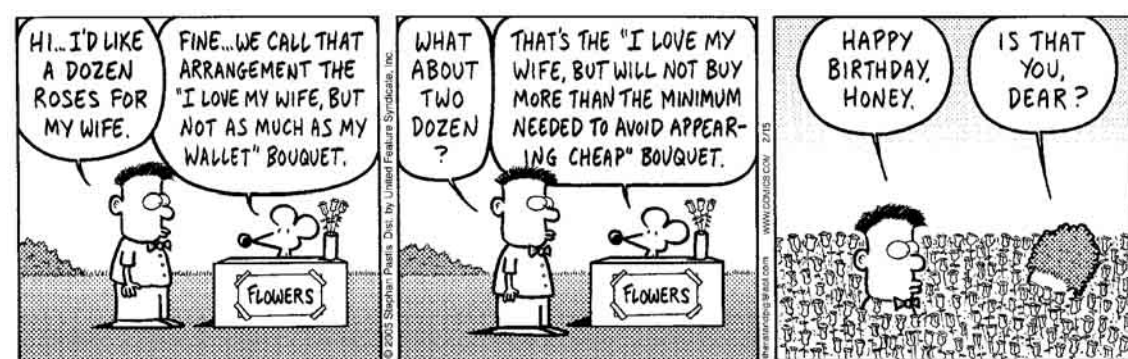
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I.P.M.: Post columnist Mark Maske wraps up the NFL season in his final regularly scheduled discussion.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



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Letters

Don't Get Greedy, Metro

I WAS APPALLED by the comments from Metro Board member Robert Smith quoted in Friday's Express that Metro should raise fares because they can ("Fare Hike Discussed at

Metro"). It was predicted that Metro would end the year with a \$9 million surplus. Mr. Smith, as a single parent, I will not end the year with a surplus. Isn't it enough that I pay more to park my car than I pay for my train commute? Or that the trains are constantly breaking down and making me late for work? Or that on any given day, one of the

stations I visit will have an escalator out of service? Please, Mr. Smith, give some of us hard-working people a break and stop being greedy.

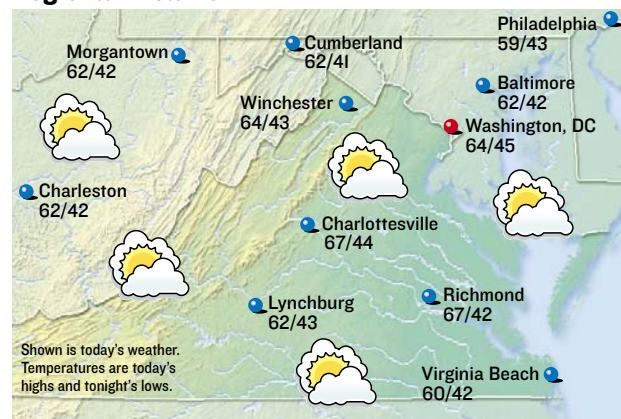
—JEWEL BEAMON
Oxon Hill, Md.

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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Normal month to date	1.27"
Year to date	3.71"
Last year to date	3.55"
Normal year to date	4.48"

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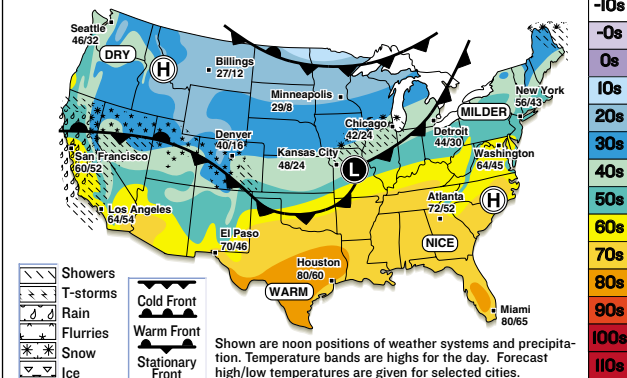
D.C. Metro: Today, foggy areas early, becoming partly sunny, warmer. High 64. Wind west-southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, mild. Low 45.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:00 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:46 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:34 a.m.
Moonset today	12:30 a.m.

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National Weather for Tuesday, February 15



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City	Today	Wed.
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Boston	51/39/pc	46/30/r
Chicago	42/24/sn	32/16/pc
Dallas	78/46/pc	54/32/sh
Denver	40/16/sn	37/18/c
Honolulu	81/68/s	82/67/s
Los Angeles	64/54/r	64/54/sh
Miami	80/65/s	82/63/pc
New York City	56/43/pc	51/28/r
Orlando	80/58/pc	82/54/s
Seattle	46/32/s	50/32/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Amsterdam	40/32/sh	40/28/sh
Athens	55/47/r	53/47/r
Berlin	30/23/c	29/23/sn
Buenos Aires	82/64/sh	80/65/sh
Calgary	29/11/pc	36/19/pc
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LOOK out

People

LITIGATION

Entourages Complicate Life, Cause Lawsuits, Study Finds

JANET JACKSON, who just made it through the first anniversary of her wardrobe malfunction, is facing a \$120 million lawsuit from a



New York man who claims her security detail beat him, E! Online reported. Leonard Salati said her bodyguards attacked him Feb. 4 outside a New York nightclub because he tried to pass her a note after hanging with her in the club's VIP area. He said the guards choked him and dragged him down the stairs of the club, causing "permanent damage." (EXPRESS)

HOPES

'Kate Spade Glassware Will Make Me Seem Normal'

MARY KAY LETOURNEAU plans to marry the former sixth-grade pupil with whom she had two children, months after her release from prison for raping him, according to an



online bridal registry. Letourneau, 43, and Vili Fualaau, 22, set a date of April 16, according to their Bon-Macys registry. "It's been long overdue," Noel Soriano, a friend, told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The pair's china pattern is Villeroy & Boch "Twist Alea;" they also need bar and kitchen items, such as a Kitchenaid standing mixer. (AP/EXPRESS)



ROBERT GALBRAITH/REUTERS; MARK J. TERRILL/AP

COSTUMES

Colin Farrell Without Socks — That's Just Gross

JAMIE FOXX and **COLIN FARRELL** will star in a movie version of the cop series "Miami Vice," which will be written and directed by Michael Mann, an executive producer on the show that ran on NBC from 1984-89. Shooting is scheduled to begin this spring, with the movie tentatively due in theaters July 28, 2006. Foxx will play Detective Ricardo Tubbs,



Tubbs



Crockett

a role originated by Philip Michael Thomas. Farrell is playing Detective Sonny Crockett, the part created by Don Johnson. (AP)

NON-EVENTS

Matthew Perry Is Fine

MATTHEW PERRY is back home after a brief hospital stay due to what his publicist called a bad reaction to prescription medicine. Perry, 35, was taken to a Los Angeles hospital last week and stayed overnight for observation, his publicist said Sunday. "He's home. He's fine," she said. (AP)



UNIFIERS

Reality TV Breaks Down Walls, Opens New Doors

"Apprentice" runner-up **KWAME JACKSON** will be the first African-American to be hosted by the Student Union Business Society in a speech at the London School of Economics and Political Science, it was announced Monday. After Jackson's speech, he's scheduled to meet with members of the British Parliament. (AP)

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Tying the Knot | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

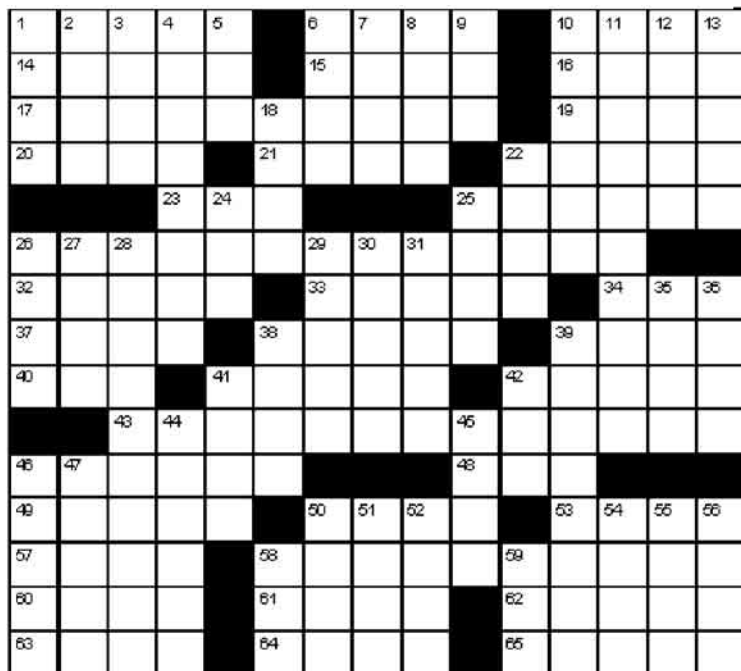
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47 Shake awake
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52 "____ in a Manger"
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By Stella Wilder

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may discover you have a secret admirer who has been shadowing you for some time. There is no danger, so you may want to explore possibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The little decisions may be the hardest to make. You don't want others to think, however, that

you're incapable of making up your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Though others may insist that slow-and-steady wins the race, you're likely to get the best results by going at your goal full-tilt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is the day you've been waiting for, when taking a chance can really pay off — in either the professional or personal arena.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let unexpected circumstances keep you from forging ahead. You may find you can turn a liability into a distinct advantage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't spend all your money in one place. That rainy day you've been saving for may be just around the corner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pay attention to details. Avoid generalizing. It can keep

you from appreciating the fine points and avoiding subtle errors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) This is a fine time to gather your strength and break that nasty habit. With a little work you can get that monkey off your back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Now is the time to do something unexpected and special for someone who has no idea he or she is deserving of such treatment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Make sure that you make the time to do things right. You can be sure that impatience itself can prove your own worst enemy. Slow down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What you don't say can be just as important as what you do. Be sure you're sending just the right messages.

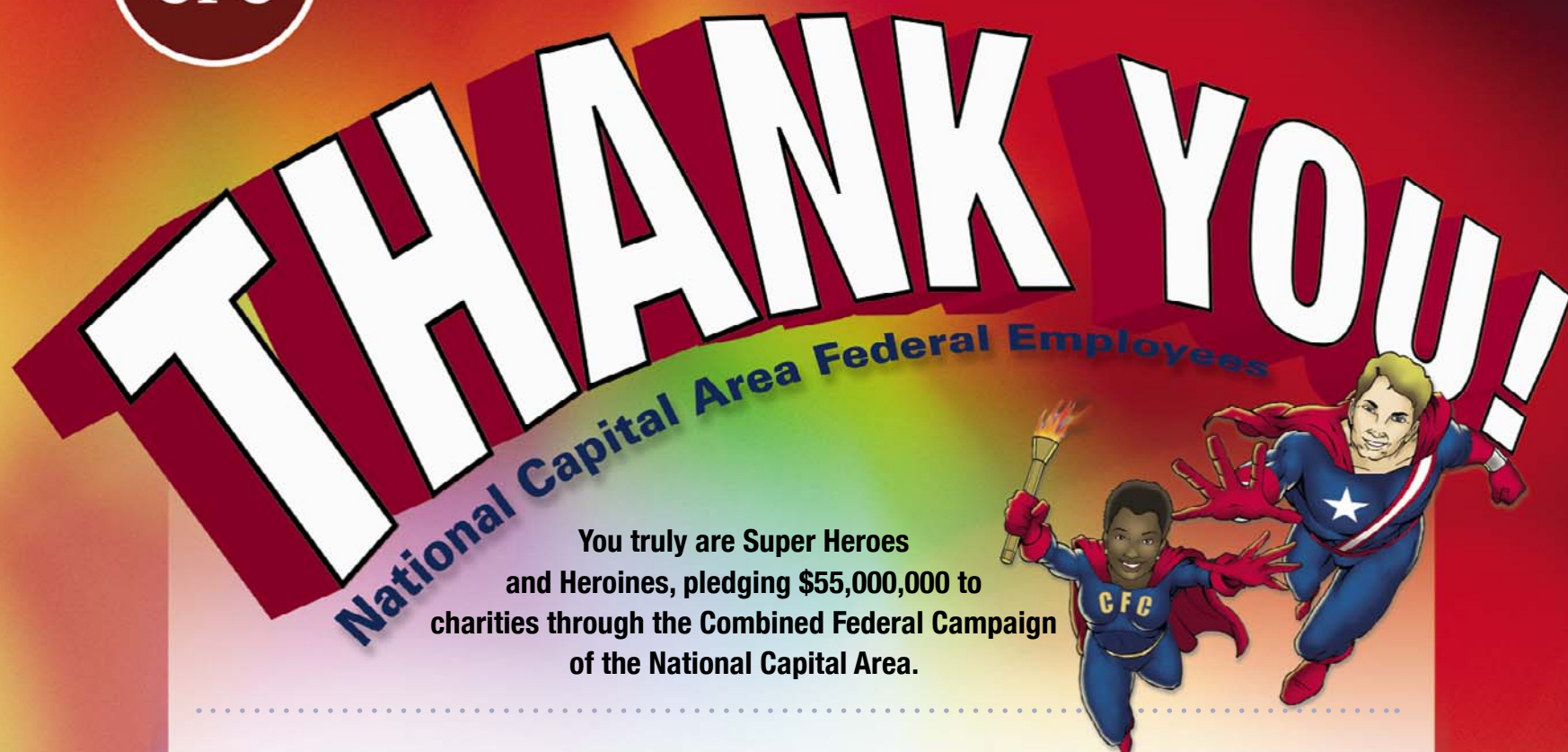
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